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THE THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1949.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report for 1949.

The health of the district has been most satisfactory.

There was exceptionally little infectious disease during the year. The nuisance mentioned last year due to the Camp of displaced persons has been lessened owing to the diminution in numbers housed there. There was no change in water or sewerage arrangements.

Your obedient Servant,
J.R.F. Popplewell,
Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health : J.R.F. Popplewell, M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G.
Sanitary Inspector : T.A.C. March, M.S.I.A., Cert.R.S.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area ... 21,796. acres.
Population ... 2,273.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births : Legitimate.	27.	21.
Illegitimate.	2.	1.
Total :	29.	22.
Stillbirths.	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer.	2.	3.
Deaths from Tuberculosis.	Nil.	2.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There have been five cases of measles and one of scarlet fever during the year.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Measles.	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	3 months, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and 12 years.
Scarlet Fever.	Nil.	5 years.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

40% of children under 5 and 79% of children between 5 and 15 years have been immunised against diphtheria.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

CLINICS.

The facilities for all the above services are the same as last year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The quality of the water at the source cannot be called good, but it is safeguarded by chlorination. There has been an adequate supply.

There has been no contamination by lead.

No bacteriological examination has been made during the year.

A certain number of houses in the village are supplied direct by a piped supply, but there is no record of the number.

SEWERAGE.

There has been no alterations to the sewerage works or sewage disposal during the past year.

HOUSING.

No new houses were completed during the year.

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